

# Village of Buckeye Lake

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From the desk of The Mayor Jeryne Peterson

2023 a year filled with disagreements and controversies. In spite of all the negative forces we were able to have a great logo created depicting the facts that Buckeye Lake Village is a wonderful place in Ohio to embrace the vast history while taking in the biking, boating, walking and a golf cart friendly community. Our new signage has been placed in key areas of our village and we have adopted a marketing tag line: Play-Stay-Relax. Our bridge project was completed along with the placement of a safe lane for cyclists and cross walks with signals for pedestrians to cross safely.

The renaming of the area going across to the McDonald's and The Lakes Inn from Mill Dam Road re-named to Gateway Crossing from Hebron Road. We continue to work putting storm water basins in working with Licking county water and waste water to make our community better for all.

We also paved Union and Myers this past summer. We have a new paving project that will be done in the Cranberry Bay area early spring or summer. The continuation of the widening on Walnut Road and put in side walks and curbs on both sides of the road with left hand turn lanes. Will start late 2024 or early 2025. We will keep all informed of the progress on these road projects. We also, received a SS4A grant, which stands for Safe Streets for All. That is just in the engineering stages right now.

The Children's Lunch program will start again this year when our kiddos are out of school for the summer. To report the facts of the program, we served 1,350 lunches in 12 weeks Monday through Friday averaging 29-30 meals everyday. A balanced menu was made every day. We have been talking about forming a 501©3 and having a federal registration to hopefully improve this program. A new electric stove was donated to the lunch program this made making more variety in the lunch program being able to bake and air fry. I want to thank all the folks that donated time, food and funds to help make this a huge success.

Our Trunk or Treat and Haunted Recreation center was another success. Neighbors in the Cranberry Bay Area donated Pizza and drinks again this year. This is very much appreciated by our First Responders and myself. We work very hard to make these events memorable experiences. We would like to make this a little bigger in 2024.

Our Christmas Parade Tree lighting and Santa was another success this past year. Our First Responders are the moving force to bring our community together as one. With their dedication to keeping us safe they are working very hard to be a part of your community in many ways.

When I took office in January 2022, I went to the Public Safety , First Responders and indicated we needed to bring our community together as it had never been done. That was all I had to say, They have embraced this over 200 %.

As we came to an end with 2023 we hired a new Fiscal Clerk, and a first a Part Time Human Resources person. We are presently interviewing for our Administrative Clerk/Planning&Zoning position. We will be cross training as well so all positions will have adequate support and coverage.

Also, we created a TIF (Tax Incentive Financing). All along RT. 79 and all of Walnut Road. This is going to be a designated business district. We will have a lot of dirt moving in the near future as the large developer will be beginning to build out their project. We will begin our transition to an unbelievable area for all.

I also, want to comment on the new development in the Cranberry BAY area , Wellesley Court.

Much is transforming and building in our Village all for the betterment to the community.

All my best as we start my third year as your Mayor,

Mayor Jeryne Peterson

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